Rs.447.22 lakh for Development of Gopalpur-on-Sea in Ganjam distt. of Orissa in the year 2005-06.

An amount of Rs.7235.39 lakh has been sanctioned to the State Government for various tourism projects in the State of Orissa during the Tenth Plan period.

Tourism project of ITDC

1022. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC propose to develop Bhubaneswar, Puri and Satpada as a mega tourism project in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a Centrally-funded project; and

(d) the details of the infrastructure that is proposed to be developed to boost tourism in this region?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) A project for development of Bhubaneswar-Puri-Chilka as a circuit has been received from the State Government.

Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respects are examined on the basis of scheme guidelines and *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under the respective heads.

A project – Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit - Bhubaneswar-Dhauli-Puri-Konark has been sanctioned for Rs.720.09 lakh in the year 2005-06.

An amount of Rs.7235.39 lakh has been sanctioned to the State Government for various tourism projects in the State of Orissa during the Tenth Plan period.

Promotion of tourism in Orissa

1023. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a 20-year plan to promote tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action of Government to develop tourist, religious and historic centres in Orissa to boost tourism under this project, with a view to improve its economy?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) As development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State